



PICKTHALL THE MEANING OF THE GLORIOUS KORAN

The Meaning of the Glorious Koran

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Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall (1875–1936)

The Koran (Qur'an) is regarded by Muslims as the word of God (Allah) as revealed to the prophet Muhammad. It is divided into 114 chapters (surahs), arranged roughly by length. This version, *The Meaning of the Glorious Koran*, is a widely used English translation. Many Muslims, however, including Pickthall, believe that true translations of the Koran from the original Arabic are impossible, and see translations into other languages only as useful interpretations.

(Mohammed) Marmaduke Pickthall was a Western Islamic scholar, noted as a poetic translator of the Qur'an into English. A convert from Christianity to Islam, Pickthall was a novelist as well as a journalist, headmaster, and political and religious leader. He declared his Islam in dramatic fashion after delivering a talk on 'Islam and Progress' on November 29, 1917, to the Muslim Literary Society in Notting Hill, West London. *(Wikipedia)*

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